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NATIONAL LATINO AIDS AWARENESS DAY

DOH-Collier Offers Free Screenings



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Naples, Fla. — October 15, 2017 is National Latino AIDS Awareness Day (NLAAD), a national community mobilization and social marketing campaign that unites the Hispanic/Latino community in efforts to raise HIV awareness, promotion of HIV testing, prevention, and education.

In recognition of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day, the Florida Department of Health in Collier County (DOH-Collier) is collaborating with Marion E. Fether Medical Center to offer free screenings. These sites will be offering free rapid HIV testing with same day results.

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
October 16	FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center	8AM – 4PM
October 17	FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center	8AM – 4PM
October 18	FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center	8AM – 4PM
	FREE Rapid HIV Testing, Hepatitis, & STD Screenings DOH-Collier: Naples only	8AM – 4PM
October 19	FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center	8AM – 4PM
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October 20	FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center	8AM – 4PM

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in 2014, Hispanics/Latinos accounted for an estimated 24% of new diagnoses of HIV infection in the United States.

Factors such as stigma, language barriers, poverty, and lack of access to health care contribute to Hispanic or Latino HIV infection rates.

Florida ranks 2nd in the nation in the number of newly diagnosed cases of HIV infection. In Collier County alone, we have over 1,700 cumulative reported cases of HIV/AIDS and 26% of those living with HIV in Collier County are of Hispanic/Latino origin. For more information about these events, please contact:

DOH-Collier Naples: 3339 East Tamiami Trail, Building H, (239) 252-8593

Marion E. Fether Medical Center: 1454 Madison Ave, Immokalee, (239) 658-3000

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